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DEAR MR. WEISBERG -

I HAVE BOUGHT 2 OF YOUR BOOKS (W.W. IV + PHOTO W.W.) + THEY ARE TRULY REMARKABLE. IT IS AMAZING THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION YOU HAVE FERRETED, + I HOPE YOU FINISH YOUR OTHER BOOKS SOON.

THE REASON I WRITE YOU, HOWEVER, IS BECAUSE I FEEL THAT I MAY HAVE A SMALL PIECE OF INFORMATION WHICH POSSIBLY COULD UNRAVEL SOME OF THE MYSTERY.

AS I KEPT READING THE DIFFERENT WITNESSES' ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSASSINATION, CERTIAN DESCRIPTIONS KEPT RE-OCCURRING OF THE SOUND OF THE SHOTS. MANY TIMES THE WITNESSES WOULD RECALL ONE OR MORE OF THE SHOTS TO SOUND LIKE "A FIRECRACKER" OR A "BACKFIRE" OR OTHER DESCRIPTIONS WHICH WOULD INDICATE A LOUD "POP" RATHER THAN THE UNMISTAKABLE "ROAR" OF A CONVENTIONAL HIGH POWERED RIFLE. IMMEDIATELY, I REMEMBERED A TIME WHEN I WAS PUZZLED BY SEEMINGLY "FIRECRACKERS".

IN 1967 I WAS A PVT. IN THE U.S. ARMY AT FT. POLK, LA.. THERE I WAS TRAINED IN

THE USEAGE OF THE M-14 RIFLE (7.62mm). THIS RIFLE AS ALL CONVENTIONAL HIGH POWERED RIFLES CREATED A DEFINITE "ROAR" WHEN FIRED THAT EVEN THE UNTAUGHT + THE UNSTEADY COULD NOT POSSIBLY MISTAKE FOR A "FIRECRACKER". HOWEVER, ONE DAY AS I WAS WALKING ON THE BASE, I HEARD WHAT SOUNDED TO BE A STRING OF "FIRE CRACKERS" EXPENDING THEMSELVES. QUITE CURIOUS AS TO WHO WOULD BE POPPING FIRECRACKS ON A MILITARY BASE IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY I MADE A CURSORY SEARCH FOR THE SOURCE.

I NOTICED THAT 50 YDS. OR SO TO MY RIGHT WAS A RIFLE RANGE WHERE SOLDIERS WERE IN THE ACT OF GAINING PROFICIENCY WITH THEIR WEAPONS.

I MENTALLY DISMISSED THIS AS BEING THE SOURCE BECAUSE OF REASONS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, WHEN SUDDENLY, A SECOND VOLLY WAS LOOSED. ONCE AGAIN I HEARD THE "FIRECRACKERS". THEN I NOTICED THAT THEIR RIFLES WERE NOT THE FAMILIAR M-14 BUT WERE THE SMALLER M-16's.

IN '67 THE SOLDIERS WHO HAD AN IN-FANTRY M.O.S. TRAINED WITH THE M-16 AS WELL AS THE M-14 BEFORE BEING SENT TO VIET NAM WHERE AT THAT TIME M-16's WERE USED EX-TENSIVELY. NOTWITHSTANDING, IN 1963 M-16's

WERE NOT THE OFFICIAL WEAPON OF THE INFANTRY. AT THAT TIME THEY (A SMALL AMOUNT) WERE BEING TESTED IN VIET NAM TO SEE IF THE ARMY WOULD ADOPT THEM (AT THAT TIME THEY WERE CALLED AR-15's)

YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW SURPRISED I WAS to LEARN THAT THE DPD FOUND SEVERL M-16's (AS WELL AS A B.A.R., CASES OF HANDGRENADES, & AMMUNITION) IN A SHED BELONGING TO JACK RUBY AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED. I WAS SURPRISED, BUT ALSO MANY THINGS BEGAN TO FALL INTO PLACE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE MANY PUZZLING STATEMENTS CONCERNING JFK's THROAT WOUND HAD BEEN MADE BY DR. PERRY ~~STATING WAS~~ THAT THE WOUND WAS QUITE ROUND WITH CLEAN CUT EDGES INDICATING A WOUND OF ENTRANCE. SO FAR SO GOOD, BUT HE ALSO ADDED THAT THE HOLE WAS VERY SMALL (HE ESTIMATED 3 TO 5 mm).

JOSIAH THOMPSON & OTHERS HAVE POSTULATED THAT THE THROAT WOUND WAS ONE OF EXIT CAUSED BY A BULLET FRAGMENT OR A BONE FRAGMENT FROM THE HEAD SHOT. A NICE TRY, BUT THE CLEAN CUT EDGES & THE ZAPRUDER FILM (SHOWING JFK CONCERNED ABOUT HIS THROAT LONG BEFORE THE HEAD SHOT) REFUTE THIS LINE OF REASONING.

YET THE MYSTERY REMAINED - WHY WAS THIS

THROAT WOUND SO SMALL? IT WAS OBVIOUS THERE EXISTED A CONSPIRACY. THEREFORE THE CONSPIRATORS MUST HAVE THOUGHT OUT THEIR COURSE OF ACTION. WHO COULD IMAGINE ANYONE IN THEIR RIGHT MINDS ATTEMPTING TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AT A RANGE OF ABOUT 50 YDS. (1ST SHOT FROM THE FENCE) OR BETTER WITH A .22?

VERY MILITARY MINDED & UP TO DATE PEOPLE THAT'S WHO! YOU SEE, THE PERFECT WEAPON FOR THIS TYPE OF OPERATION WAS A .22 - BUT NOT A TENNESSEE SCHOOL BOY SQUIRREL GUN .22 - IT WAS AN M-16. THE M-16 FIRES A .223 CAL. BULLET (5.56 MM), VERY SMALL, BUT WITH A MUZZLE VELOCITY OF AROUND 4000 FPS (THE CARCANO HAS A M.V. OF ABOUT 2000 FPS). THIS MEANS THAT THE BULLET WOULD DELIVER ABOUT 1700 FOOT POUNDS OF ENERGY (OR MORE) AT 50 YDS, THUS EXPLAINING THE EXPLOSIVE NATURE OF JFK'S HEAD WOUND. ALSO, THE RIFLE WOULD BE SMALL, LIGHT, EASY TO AIM & FIRE (SEMI-AUTOMATIC), AND EASY TO RUN WITH, ESPECIALLY IF THE CAR-15 MODEL WAS EMPLOYED WHICH HAS A FOLDING WIRE STOCK.

THE .223 CAL. WAS ONE OF A NEW BREED OF RIFLE CARTRIDGE CALLED "SUPER SPEED"

AMMUNITION DUE TO IT'S FANTASTIC MUZZLE VELOCITY. IT'S GREAT SPEED NATURALLY FLATTENS OUT THE TRAJECTORY OF THE BULLET, HENCE GREATLY INCREASING THE ACCURACY, BUT ALSO IT OPENED AN ENTIRELY NEW FIELD IN WOUNDS BALLISTICS — NAMELY BRINGING INTO THE PICTURE THE STUDY OF HYDRO-STATIC SHOCK WAVES CREATED BY IT'S SPEED + ENERGY CAPABILITIES.

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HYDRO-STATIC SHOCK WAVES WOULD BE HOW THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED OF HOW TO DESTROY ALL OF THE CONCRETE + CEMENT GERMAN BUNKERS IN EUROPE AFTER WW II IN THE MOST EFFICIENT + INEXPENSIVE MANNER. MANY TAX PAYERS DOLLARS WOULD GO UP IN SMOKE IF AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE WITH EXPLOSIVES ALONE, SO SOME BRILLIANT SOLDIER CAME TO THE RESCUE WITH THE IDEA OF FIRST FILLING THE BUNKERS WITH WATER, THEN DETONATING A RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVE — THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED. WATER WILL NOT COMPRESS AS AIR DOES THUS THE ENERGY OF THE EXPLOSION IS DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE CEMENT BY HYDRO-STATIC SHOCK WAVES INSTEAD OF MUCH OF ENERGY BEING ABSORBED BY THE COMPRESSABLE AIR.

HIGH SPEED CAMERAS ARE USED TO CAPTURE

THE EFFECT OF BULLETS FIRED THROUGH GELATIN BLOCKS SO THAT THE IMPACT CAN BE MEASURED WITH THE NAKED EYE. IT IS NOTED THAT WHEN BULLETS OF THE "SUPER SPEED" FAMILY ARE UTILIZED THAT SO MUCH EXPANSION + DISTORTION ARE DE-LIVED TO THE GELATIN BLOCK BY THE HYDRO-STATIC SHOCK WAVE CREATED, THAT THE BULLET WILL HAVE PASSED COMPLETELY THROUGH THE BLOCK BEFORE THE MAXIMUM EXPANSION (WHICH IS FAR BEYOND THAT OF CONVENTIONAL H.P. RIFLES) OCCURS.

THE BRAIN LITERALLY "FLOATS" IN THE CRANIUM, ALSO BRAIN TISSUE ITSELF IS MOSTLY WATER, SO READILY ONE CAN IMAGINE THE EFFECT OF ONE "SUPER SPEED" BULLET STRIKING JFK'S HEAD FROM THE REAR AT THE WHORL (DR. CYRIL WECHT WHO STATED THAT THE BETHES-DA X-RAYS SHOW A SMALL WOUND ABOUT 100MM HIGHER THAN GIVEN IN THE AUTOPSY DRAWING) AND COURSING THROUGH THE BRAIN, EXITING AT THE LEFT TEMPLE OR ABOVE THE LEFT EYE (FATHER OSCAR HUBER + OTHERS), AND STRIKING THE WIND-SHIELD (THIS BULLET WOULD CAUSE HYDRO-STATIC SHOCK WAVES TO BEGIN PULSING OUTWARD TOWARD THE SKULL); WHILE A FRACTION OF A ~~SEC~~ SECOND LATER, ANOTH-ER "SUPER SPEED" BULLET STRIKES JFK'S SKULL AT A TANGENT (ABOVE + FORWARD OF THE RIGHT EAR) FROM THE FENCE (AT THE RIGHT FRONT), CREATING

AN OUTLET FOR ALL OF THE VIOLENTLY EXPANDING SHOCK WAVES, ~~THE~~ THUS RESULTING IN THE AWESOME DEFECT TO JFK'S SKULL.

DUE TO THE TANGENTIAL NATURE~~E~~ OF THE SECOND BULLET (IN CONTRAST TO THE 90° ENTRY OF THE 1ST BULLET) MORE ENERGY IS TRANSMITTED TO THE HEAD OF JFK FROM THE LATTER THAN THE FORMER. THUS CAUSING THE PRESIDENT TO BE KNOCKED REARWARD & TO HIS LEFT, WHILE SOME OF HIS BRAIN MATTER CAN BE SEEN IN THE ZAPRUDER FILM TO FLY VIOLENTLY UPWARDS & SLIGHTLY FORWARD OF JFK'S HEAD. THE MOTORCYCLE POLICEMEN ARE SPLATTERED BY THE DEBRIS FROM THE SECOND BULLET, WHILE MRS. CONNALLY & HER HUSBAND ARE SPLATTERED WITH DEBRIS FROM THE EXIT OF THE FIRST BULLET & THE FALLING DEBRIS WHICH THE HYDRO-STATIC SHOCK WAVES FORCED UP THROUGH THE SIDE OF JFK'S HEAD ~~FROM~~ FROM THE 1ST BULLET

DR. WECHT MADE NO MENTION OF A WOUND TO THE LEFT SIDE OF JFK'S SKULL (BETHESDA X-RAYS), HOWEVER, THIS COULD EASILY BE THE REASON WHY JAQUELINE KENNEDY'S TESTIMONY WAS MADE UNAVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. IF THE BULLET EXITED FROM JFK'S LEFT EYE, ~~THE~~ WOUND WOULD

NOT SHOW UP ON AN X-RAY. SHE MAY HAVE DESCRIBED A WOUND TO JFK'S LEFT EYE IN HER TESTIMONY. SHE CERTAINLY HAD A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE HIS HEAD ON THE WAY TO PARKLAND. THIS ALSO COULD EXPLAIN WHY WECHT WAS ALLOWED TO SEE THE X-RAY'S BUT REFUSED ACCESS TO THE PHOTOS TAKEN AT PARKLAND. OF COURSE, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SINCE THE PARKLAND X-RAYS ALSO WERE "OFF LIMITS" - THAT PERHAPS THE SKULL THAT DR. WECHT EXAMINED WAS NOT JFK'S AT ALL.

BUT MORE MYSTERY SURROUNDS JFK'S THROAT WOUND THAN SIMPLY IT'S SMALL SIZE. THE BULLET WHICH CAUSED THE THROAT WOUND MUST HAVE BEEN OF THE "SUPER SPEED" VARIETY BECAUSE A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN (NO MATTER HOW EGOTISTICAL) WOULD GO GUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENT WITH A .22 SQUIRREL GUN. BUT IF A "SUPER SPEED" BULLET WAS USED, THEN WHAT BECAME OF IT? A VERY PUZZLING QUESTION SINCE A BULLET OF THIS TYPE WOULD PENETRATE THE SOFT FLESH OF JFK'S THROAT & PIERCE THE RELATIVELY THIN MUSCLES OF HIS BACK, LIKE A HOT KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER. THUS, THIS

WOULD NECESSITATE THE EXISTANCE OF AN EXIT WOUND IN JFK'S BACK.

SOME MAY BE QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT THE BULLET COULD HAVE LODGED IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPINE. THIS IS <u>POSSIBLE</u> BUT HAD A .223 FROM ONLY 50 YDS., OR SO, HIT JFK'S SPINE, IN ALL PROBABILITY, THE BULLET WOULD PULVERIZE THE VERTEBRAE IT STRUCK, AND BLOW IT OUT THROUGH HIS BACK (CONSIDER THE HEAD WOUND & JUST ASK ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN TO VIET NAM AND SEEN THE DESTRUCTIVENESS OF THE .223).

BUT JUST ASSUMING THAT THE BULLET <u>DID</u> MANAGE TO LODGE IN JFK'S SPINE WITHOUT EXITING, THIS WOULD NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY SINGLE FOOT POUND OF ENERGY (QUITE A LOT) THAT WAS STORED IN THE BULLET WOULD BE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO JFK'S SPINE, WITH THE RESULT OF KNOCKING HIM BACKWARD EVEN MUCH HARDER THAN THE HEAD WOUND. ALL

THE WITNESSES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE SHOW THAT THIS DEFINITELY WAS NOT THE CASE. THEREFORE, WHAT DID HAPPEN TO THE BULLET (& I DON'T MEAN 399!)?

TO ANSWER THAT PERPLEXING QUESTION, A POINT MUST BE ESTABLISHED FIRST.

GO ASK ANY BIG CITY POLICEMAN, THAT IF HE WERE GOING TO BE SHOT; WOULD HE RATHER BE SHOT WITH A .38 OR A .22 (THE REGULAR VARIETY), AND YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO HEAR HIM SAY THE .38!- (UNLESS HE'S A ROOKIE) STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THERE IS A VERY SOUND REASON FOR THIS. A THIRTY-EIGHT LEAVES A VERY DEFINITE BULLET TRACK THAT IS SIMPLICITY ITSELF TO PROBE, HOWEVER, SMALL CALIBER BULLETS LEAVE TRACKS THAT ARE SOMETIMES ERRATIC, AND ARE USUALLY DIFFICULT, AND SOMETIMES IMPOSSIBLE TO PROBE. THEREFORE, IF A POLICEMAN WERE BLEEDING INTERNALLY FROM A .38 THAT SEVERED AN ARTERY, THE DOCTOR COULD

EASILY PROBE THE WOUND & KNOW JUST WHERE TO GO TO STOP THE HEMORRHAGING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UNFORTUNATE WHO WAS BLEEDING FROM A .22 WOUND COULD ONLY HOPE THAT THE DOCTOR COULD SUCCESSFULLY PROBE THE WOUND & MAKE THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS. I HOPE MY POINT IS CLEAR; THE LARGENESS OF THE BULLET VARIES DIRECTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF PROBING THE WOUND CAUSED BY SAID BULLET.

THE WOUND TO JFK'S BACK WAS LOCATED BETWEEN HIS SHOULDERS, & JUST TO THE RIGHT OF HIS SPINE. IT MEASURED 4mm UP & DOWN & 7mm ACROSS. THESE ARE THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE HOLE IN THE COAT. THE FRINGES OF THE HOLE APPEAR SLIGHTLY FRAYED (INDICATIVE OF AN EXIT TYPE WOUND) WHICH MEANS THAT THE PROJECTILE COULD HAVE BEEN A BIT LARGER.)

WHAT I AM SUGGESTING MAY SEEM LIKE HERESY TO A WARREN COMMISSION CRITIC, BUT PLEASE HEAR ME OUT.

I ~~##~~ YOU SHOOT ENOUGH BULLETS THRU ENOUGH GELATIN BLOCKS & LATER BISECT THEM

ALONG THE BULLET TRACK (4" BLOCKS), YOU WILL SOON COME TO FIND THAT THE TRACK, FROM THE ENTRY POINT TO JUST BEFORE THE EXIT POINT, IS QUITE SMALL, BUT SUDDENLY BEGINS TO GROW LARGER & THE LARGEST POINT BEING THE POINT OF EXIT. SORT OF LIKE THE TUBE OF A LONG THIN TRUMPET. IF YOU HAD A 6" BLOCK OF GELATIN, THE EXIT WOULD BE LARGER THAN THE EXIT ON A 5" BLOCK, AND THE EXIT ON A 5" BLOCK WOULD BE LARGER THAN THE EXIT ON A 4" BLOCK, BUT AS YOU GET SMALLER BLOCKS OF GELATIN, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXIT HOLES BECOMES LESS AND LESS (THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE VERY SLIGHT BETWEEN SAY A 4" & 3½" BLOCK) UNTIL EVENTUALLY THE EXIT HOLE WOULD NOT BE A GREAT DEAL LARGER THAN THE ENTRY HOLE. OF COURSE, NOW WE CAN SEE THAT THE THICKNESS OF (& ALSO DENSITY) OUR GELATIN BLOCK HAS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO THE SIZE OF OUR EXIT HOLE.

SO, THIS SHOWS THAT DUE TO THE SOFTNESS OF THE THROAT TISSUE (DENSITY) & THE RELATIVELY

SMALL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL TISSUE THE BULLET WOULD HAVE TO PENETRATE (THICKNESS), THE BACK WOUND MUST HAVE BEEN ONE OF EXIT. THIS WOULD ALSO HARMONIZE WITH THE DIFFICULTY THAT THE BETHESDA DOCTOR'S HAD IN PROBING THE BACK WOUND. CONSIDER, THAT THE LARGEST HOLE (EXIT) WOULD QUICKLY SHRINK (THE DOCTORS COULD ONLY STICK THEIR FINGERS UP TO THE 1ST OR 2ND KNUCKLE & NO FARTHER) BEFORE ONE HAD RETRACED VERY FAR UP THE BULLET TRACK. SECONDLY, THE DOCTORS WERE TOLD THAT THE WOUND WAS ONE OF ENTRY, MADE BY A 6.5 mm RIFLE (THE NAVAL DOCTORS CERTAINLY HELPED WHITEWASH IT — BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THEY WERE TOLD MORE THAN WHAT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.) THEREFORE, IF ANYTHING, THE WOUND CHANNEL WOULD GET LARGER. ALSO, DURING THIS TIME THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A DOWNWARD TRAJECTORY. AFTER HUMES CONVERSED WITH PERRY ABOUT THE THROAT WOUND, THEY WERE ORDERED NOT TO PROBE IT. (THEY WERE PROBABLY AFRAID THAT THEY WOULD FIND A BULLET LODGED IN JFK'S SPINE, & ALSO, THE APPARENT SHALLOW BACK WOUND WENT ALONG NICELY WITH THE

HEART MASSAGE + 399 AT PARKLAND.)

SINCE, FROM THE FENCE ATOP THE GRASSY KNOLL TO WHERE THE FIRST BULLET STRUCK JFK IN THE THROAT IS A "STRAIGHT AHEAD" SHOT; ONE COULD WONDER HOW THE BULLET ENTERED AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ~~THROAT~~ TIE KNOT + EXITED ~~OUT~~ ~~AT~~ JUST TO THE RIGHT OF THE SPINE (BECAUSE THE FENCE IS HIGHER THAN THE ROAD WHICH DROPS OFF SHARPLY; EXPLAINS THE DOWN WARD TRAJECTORY) THUS CREATING A SLIGHT LEFT TO RIGHT TRAJECTORY. THIS COULD BE EXPLAINED IN ON OF TWO WAYS.

FIRST; JFK WAS PRIMARILY WAVING TO PEOPLE TO HIS RIGHT, THEREFORE HE COULD HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY TURNED IN THAT DIRECTION (I HAVENT SEEN ANY PHOTOS OF THAT TIME PERIOD), OR THE FIRST SHOT MAY NOT HAVE COME FROM THE FENCE AT ALL.

ALTHOUGH I LIVE IN TERRELL, TEXAS WHICH IS 30 MILES EAST OF DALLAS ON I-20, I HAD NEVER HAD ANY OCCASION TO VISIT DEALY PLAZA TILL RECENTLY. AS I FIRST BEGAN READING BOOKS ABOUT THE JFK

ASSASSINATION, I SAW PHOTO AFTER PHOTO OF DEALY PLAZA AND I THOUGHT THAT I HAD THE SITUATION CLEARLY IN MY MIND, BUT A TRIP TO DEALY PLAZA IN THE FLESH IS A RE-VELATION.

THE COLD-BLOODED "CLOSENESS" AND CONFINEMENT OF THAT STRETCH OF ELM ST. BRINGS OUT AN INVOLUNTARY, "THEY COULD'NT HAVE MISSED." PHOTOGRAPHS MAKE THE AREA LOOK MUCH LARGER THAN IT REALLY IS. I WAS TRULY AMAZED AND ENLIGHTENED AT THE "FISH IN A BARRELL" SITUATION THAT WAS ~~DEALY~~ JFK IN DEALY PLAZA ON NOV. 22, 1963.

PREVIOUSLY I WAS WONT TO BE LEERY OF THE EVIDENCE (A BULLET MARK ON THE SIDEWALK OF ELM ST.) WHICH INDICATED THAT AT LEAST ONE SHOT CAME FROM THE DIRECTION SOUTH OF THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS. INCIDENTLY, THERE ARE PHOTOS TAKEN A FEW HOURS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION SHOWING TWO POLICE CARS PARKED BUMPER TO BUMPER ON TOP OF THE SIDEWALK BETWEEN THE TSBD & THE UNDERPASS, TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM SEEING A BULLET MARK THAT "COULDN'T" EXIST.

FROM THE PHOTOS & DIAGRAMS OF DEALY PLAZA I HAD, IT SEEMED LIKE SOUTH OF THE UNDERPASS (THERE IS THE COMPLEMENT OF THE GRASSY KNOLL, PICKET FENCE WITH PARKING LOT BEHIND, ET AL) WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE DISTANCE FOR SOMEONE TO TRY TO SNIPE AT THE PRESIDENT. BUT ONCE I STOOD IN DEALY PLAZA & SAW THE HOPLESSNESS OF JFK'S PREDICAMENT, I KNEW THAT THE SHOT WOULD BE QUITE POSSIBLE, EVEN FOR ME. FOR AN EXPERT (WHO KAN DROP RUNNING COYOTES AT 500 YD'S WITH REGULARITY - USING "SUPER SPEED" AMMO), THE SHOT OF A LITTLE OVER A HUNDRED YARDS WOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY.

SUDDENLY, THE WHOLE STORY BECAME CLEAR; EVEN IF JFK HAD REFUSED TO TAKE THE DETOUR DOWN ELM ST. (A LAST MINUTE INNOVATION "SUGGESTED" TO JFK), HE STILL WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE MIDDLE OF A DEADLY CROSS FIRE FROM BOTH FENCES & PROBABLY OTHER SITES AS WELL.

THE BULLET THAT HIT THE SIDEWALK WAS NOT A BAD MISS A DIRECTED FOR JFK, BUT WAS PROBABLY MEANT FOR CLINT HILL WHO WAS

RUNNING TO THE LIMOUSINE TO GIVE AID.

AT ANY RATE, A SHOT FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RAIL ROAD TRACKS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR BOTH THE UP TO DOWN & LEFT TO RIGHT TRAJECTORIES. ALSO, THE GUNMAN WAS PROBABLY AIMING FOR THE HEAD — A SIMPLE SHOT FROM THE ELM ST. FENCE, BUT THE EXTRA DISTANCE CAUSED A MISS TO THE THROAT.

AN INTERESTING THOUGHT I MIGHT ADD IS THAT MANY PEOPLE FEEL THAT THE HEAD SHOT CAME FROM THE GUTTER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ELM ST. & ABOUT 5 YARDS WEST OF THE STEPS LEADING UP THE GRASSY KNOLL. BUT WHEN YOU LAY DOWN ON THE SIDEWALK AND WATCH THE TRAFFIC IN THE MIDDLE LANE OF ELM ST. GO BY, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE SHOT, ALTHOUGH QUITE POSSIBLE, WOULD BE AT BEST VERY DIFFICULT. WHY GO AFTER A PRESIDENT WITH A PISTOL (ALREADY 4.45) WHEN THE SITUATION BEGS FOR AN ACCURATE RIFLE.

I DID, HOWEVER, MAKE A STARTLING DISCOVERY ABOUT GUTTERS.

AS I WAS WALKING TOWARD THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS ON THE STRIP OF LAND IN DEALY PLAZA BETWEEN MAIN & COMMERCE STREETS, I NOTICED THAT MAIN ST WAS TILTED SLIGHTLY

SO THAT IN ONE SPOT THE SOUTH CURB IS APPRECIABLY HIGHER THAN THE NORTH CURB. RIGHT AT CURBS HIGHEST APEX IS A GUTTER FACING TOWARD Elm St. & THE TSBD. WHEN ONE LIES DOWN ON THE CURB TO GET A "GUTTER'S EYE VIEW" WITHIN ABOUT 60 YARDS OF WHERE THE PRESIDENT WAS INITIALLY HIT. THE ANGLES ALSO LINE UP (OF THE BULLET TRAJECTORY) FOR SUCH A POSSIBILITY. A PERSON REALLY MUST GO TO DEALY PLAZA PERSONNALLY TO APPRECIATE THE FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS GUTTER. I TOOK A PHOTO WHICH I HAD INTENDED TO SEND YOU, BUT I CHANGED MY MIND BECAUSE IT DOESN'T REALLY CONVEY THE FULL IMPORT OF THE SITUATION. IF IT WERE MY JOB TO SET UP THE FIRE TRIANGULATION FOR AN AMBUSH IN DEALY PLAZA, I WOULD UNHESITATINGLY PLACE A MAN IN THIS GUTTER. I STRONGLY FEEL THAT IF JFK DID NOT TURN SLIGHTLY TO ACCOMMODATE A BULLET FROM THE Elm St. FENCE, THAT HIS THROAT WOUND ORIGINATED FROM THE MAIN ST. GUTTER, OR THE COMMERCE St. FENCE SOUTH OF THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS.

NOW THAT THE POSSIBILITIES OF ORIGIN ARE

TAKEN CARE OF; ANOTHER QUESTION COMES TO THE FORE.— WHAT BECAME OF THE 1ST BULLET?

IF THE SHOT CAME FROM THE ELM ST. FENCE, THEN I FEEL THAT THE BULLET COULD HAVE HAD ONE OF TWO FATES,

A. WITNESSES SAID THAT THEY SAW A BULLET STRIKE THE PAVEMENT TO THE LEFT & REAR OF THE LIMOUSINE CAUSING SPARKS. SOME HAVE CLAIMED (PENN JONES JR.) THAT SCARS FROM THAT BULLET COULD BE FOUND ON THE THEN NEW RECORDS BUILDING.

B. "SUPER SPEED" BULLETS HAVE ALSO ANOTHER ECCENTRIC HABIT THAT SEPARATES THEM FROM OTHER HIGH POWERED RIFLES.

THESE BULLETS NOT ONLY HAVE AN INCREDIBLE MUZZLE VELOCITY OF 4000 FEET PER SEC. BUT ALSO THEY ROTATE OR SPIN AT APPROXIMATELY 4000 REVOLUTIONS PER SECOND! WHEN THE BALANCE OF THESE SPINNING PROJECTILES ARE MALADJUSTED IN THE SLIGHTEST, THEY MANY TIMES "COMMIT SUICIDE!"

THAT IS; THE CENTRIFIGAL FORCE IS SO STRONG THAT THE SLIGHTEST

IMBALANCE CAUSES THE BULLET TO LITERALLY "SLING" ITSELF APART OR DISINTEGRATE. SINCE THE THROAT SHOT DID NOT LOOSE MUCH OF ITS ENERGY (THIS IS EVIDENT DUE TO THE FACT THAT JFK SHOWED LITTLE OR NO SIGNS OF BEING KNOCKED BACKWARDS, NEITHER WAS THE EXIT WOUND LARGE ENOUGH TO INDICATE AN APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF ENERGY TRANSFER) AS IT TRANSITED JFK THEN IT STILL HAD QUITE A BIT OF STEAM ON IT. PERHAPS ENOUGH TO CAUSE IT TO "COMMIT SUICIDE" AFTER IT HAD BEEN IMBALANCED BY PASSING THROUGH JFK'S BODY. SOMETIMES THESE "SUPER SPEED" BULLETS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO FRAGMENTIZE WHEN STRIKING A LEAF OF A TREE.

IF THE THROAT SHOT CAME FROM THE MAIN ST. GUTTER OR THE MAIN ST. FENCE THE BULLET MAY HAVE:

A. STRUCK THE TSBD UNNOTICED OR:
B. MORE LIKELY IT COULD HAVE FRAGMENTIZED AS IN THE EARLIER INSTANCE.

THE VERY FIRST THING I NOTICED ON ARRIVING IN DEALY PLAZA WAS THE OBVIOUS ORIGIN OF THE BULLET WHICH CAUSED GOV. CONNALLY'S WOUNDS. THE VERIEST TYRO COULD DISCERN IMMEDIATELY THAT DUE TO THE SHARP DOWN-

WARD & MORE ACCUTE RIGHT TO LEFT SEQUENCE OF HIS WOUNDS, THAT THE BULLET COULD ONLY HAVE ORIGINATED FROM HIGH UP IN THE TSBD. THIS ALSO WOULD HARMONIZE WITH SEVERAL WITNESSES WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN EITHER A PERSON OR A RIFLE BARRELL DURING OR SLIGHTLY BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION.

SOME HAVE THEORIZED THAT CONNALLY COULD HAVE BEEN HIT BY MORE THAN ONE BULLET, BUT TO BE REALISTIC, AT THAT CLOSE RANGE, A BULLET FROM A HIGH POWERED RIFLE (PROBABLY A 7 OR 7.62 mm MAUSER USED TO MAKE A LOT OF NOISE & ATTRACT A LOT OF ATTENTION) WOULD VIRTUALLY TEAR A MAN'S HAND OFF IF IT STRUCK THE RADIUS BONE WITHOUT BEING SLOWED DOWN BY SOMETHING ELSE FIRST, OR IF IT HIT HIS LEG IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY TRANSIT IT, FEMUR OR NO FEMUR.

THE BULLET THAT HIT CONNALLY'S BACK STRUCK HIS 5TH RIB (TAKING OUT 5" OF SAME LEAVING A GAPING WOUND IN (CONNALLY'S CHEST) ON IT'S WAY OUT. NO DOUBT THIS BULLET FRAGMENTIZED (THE AM-

MUNITION BEING USED BY THIS RIFLE WAS PROBABLY A SPECIAL TYPE OF HOLLOW POINT OR JUST A SOFT LEAD BULLET), A LARGE FRAGMENT PENETRATING THE WRIST & ANOTHER LARGE FRAGMENT IMBEDDING ITSELF IN CONNALLY'S LEG.

OF COURSE, THE OTHER RIFLE WAS LOCATED IN THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE DAL-TEX BUILDING, AND WAS FIRED FROM THE WEST SIDE WINDOW CLOSEST TO THE SOUTH WEST CORNER. THIS IS EASY TO VERIFY IN TWO WAYS:

A. BY LYING DOWN ON THE SOUTH SIDE CURB OF MAIN ST. NEAR THE UNDERPASS & FOLLOWING A CAR COMING DOWN ELM ST. THE ONLY LIKELY CONCEALED POINT OF ORIGIN WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE THAT WINDOW. OF COURSE, THE CURB WAS WHERE A SHOT THAT MISSED HIT & FRAGMENTED, A SMALL FRAGMENT STINGING JAMES TAGUE ON THE FACE.

NATURALLY, WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN WOULD NOT MISS BY MORE THAN A FEW INCHES.

JIM GARRISON & OTHERS HAVE MADE A LOT OF NOISE ABOUT ONE OF THE ASSASSINS SHOOTING JUST ANYWHERE, OR DELIBERATELY MISSING. BUT THE REALIST MUST CONCLUDE THAT WHEN THE PRES. OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE PREY, ALL RIFLES MUST BE USED IN THEIR DEADLIEST CAPACITY.

B. THE RIFLEMAN IN THE DAL-TEX BUILDING MADE UP FOR HIS EARLY MISS BY PLACING HIS SECOND SHOT SQUARELY IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD. BY LINING UP THE CRACKS IN THE WINDSHIELD & THE DENT IN THE WINDSHIELD CHROME (THESE WERE CAUSED BY FRAGMENTS ISSUING FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PRESIDENTS HEAD AS UNIMPEDED BULLETS FROM A HIGH POWERED RIFLE WOULD EASILY PENETRATE EITHER THE CHROME, &, OR THE WINDSHIELD. ALSO THIS DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE LEFT OF THE MIDLINE OF THE WINDSHIELD MEANING THAT THE FRAGMENTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF JFK'S HEAD) ONE CAN READILY SEE THAT THE BULLET CAME FROM

THE LOWER FLOORS OF THE DAL-TEX BUILDING. THIS IS WHY THE MAN ON THE FIRE ESCAPE BECAME DISTRESSED, BECAUSE THE MAN IN THE DAL-TEX BUILDING DID NOT FIRE HIS FIRST SHOT (THE SHOT THAT MISSED & HIT THE MAIN ST. CURB) TILL AFTER THE SHOOTING HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

RICHARD RANDOLF CARR, WHO AS YOU KNOW WAS WORKING ON A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN DEALY PLAZA, HAD A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE ASSASSINATION, & SAW 2 MEN RUN FROM BEHIND THE ELM ST. PICKET FENCE & SPEED AWAY HELTER SKELTER IN A STATION WAGON. ONE OF THE MEN WAS HOLDING IN HIS HAND A "HEADSET" OR AS JIM GARRISON SAID, A SET OF RADIO EARPHONES. HERE I DISAGREE WITH MR. GARRISON & R.R. CARR. WHAT MR. CARR ACTUALLY SAW IN THE ASSASSIN'S HAND WERE "EAR MUFFS" AS USED AT PROFESSIONAL RIFLE RANGES TO KEEP OUT DISTRACTING NOISES.

ONE MORE THING. IN HOUSTON WHEN THE MAN SAID "I'M DAVE FERRIE FROM NEW ORLEANS", I DON'T THINK THAT THE MAN DOING THE TALKING <u>WAS</u> DAVID

FERRIE. I THINK THAT FERRIE WORE THAT RIDICULOUS PURPLE WIG SO THAT IT WOULD BE ALL THAT PEOPLE NOTICED ABOUT HIM. ALSO, IT WOULD BE AN UNMISTAKABLE TRADEMARK.

SOMEBODY ELSE HAD ON THE PURPLE WIG + PAINTED EYEBROWS IN HOUSTON, WHILE DAVID FERRIE WAS IN DEALY PLAZA, WITH A CONVENTIONAL HAIRPIECE + MAKE UP, ABOUT HIS GRIM BUSINESS + LATER THAT DAY FLEW THE GUN MEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

I HOPE YOU READ THIS + RETURN MY LETTER WITH SOME CRITICISM. AGAIN I SAY THAT I HAVE ENJOYED THE 2 BOOKS OF YOURS THAT I HAVE READ + LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN I CAN BUY THEM ALL.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING I JUST HAD TO TELL SOMEBODY. MAYBE SOME OF THIS MIGHT GIVE YOU A FEW IDEAS.

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